

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0046] of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

[0046] Data storage device 130 stores, among other data, a message program 132 including processor-executable process steps used to provide messaging functionality pursuant to embodiments of the present invention. According to some embodiments, these process steps of message program 132 may be read from a computer-readable medium, including hardware mediums such as a floppy disk, a CD-ROM, a DVD-ROM, a Zip disk, a magnetic tape, ~~or~~ and non-hardware mediums such as a signal encoding the process steps, and then stored in data storage device 130. Microprocessor 112 executes stored instructions to cause participant device 110 to operate in accordance with the process steps described in detail herein.